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California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Los Angeles Region  
Samuel Unger, Executive Officer

Executive Officer's Report

*The Executive Officer's Report is not intended to be an exhaustive list, but rather highlights of Regional Board staff activities from the previous month.*

*Watershed Regulatory/Municipal Permitting*

*Watershed Management/Watershed Coordinator*

*Integrated Regional Water Management*

The watershed coordinator participated in meetings of the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region's North Santa Monica Bay (August 16), Lower San Gabriel/Lower Los Angeles (August 16), and Upper Los Angeles River (August 23) Subregional Steering Committees, and the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Region's stakeholder group (August 25).

The IRWM groups in Los Angeles County are working to incorporate E/WMPs into IRWM Plans to satisfy requirements for Stormwater Resources Plans to be in place to pursue Proposition 1 funding for implementation of stormwater projects. The Los Angeles IRWM Funding Area (which includes three IRWM Regions) is also collaborating on how to achieve the goals of the Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program which is designed to: 1) provide funding for activities which will engage and empower residents and organizations within disadvantaged areas to participate in the IRWM process, 2) build capacity to address water supply and water quality needs, and 3) offer technical assistance for project design, among other activities. The Funding Area will receive \$9.8 million to conduct these activities.

*Wetlands Recovery Project*

The watershed coordinator is the staff representative to the Wetlands Recovery Project's (WRP) Managers Group and meetings of it were attended on August 29 and September 7. Current activities include work related to an update of the WRP's Regional Strategy.

*Financial Assistance*

This year's round of funding fairs conducted by the California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) included one held in Alhambra on August 23. The funding fairs are free events and provide opportunities to obtain information about currently available infrastructure grant, loan, and bond financing programs and options. Funding handbooks can be found on the CFCC website at [www.cfcc.ca.gov](http://www.cfcc.ca.gov).

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A financial assistance link is available on the Regional Board webpage at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/Financial\\_Assistance/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/Financial_Assistance/index.shtml) . There are a large variety of funding sources available from multiple agencies that either directly or indirectly address water quality concerns and the links on this webpage will help identify and track availability of these resources.

### *Watersheds of the Los Angeles Region*

Information about the Regional Board's watersheds can be found at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/regional\\_program/index.shtml#Watershed](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/regional_program/index.shtml#Watershed).

### *Section 401 Water Quality Certification Program*

Since August 1, 2016, the Regional Board has received 5 new applications for Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) actions. The following Certification actions have been issued since the preparation of the last Executive Officers Report:

Certification actions recently issued and project descriptions for applications currently being reviewed can be viewed from our Web Site located at:

<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/meetings/401wqc.html>

Date of Issuance	Staff	Applicant	Project	Action
7/21/2016	Dana Cole	Andrea Ware	Ware Residence	Conditional WQC
7/21/2016	Valarie Carrillo Zara	City of Camarillo	Camarillo Hills Drain Cap	Conditional WQC
7/21/2016	LB Nye	Division of Environmental Planning, Caltrans District 7	Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for 14 Caltrans Projects	Notice of Violation
7/21/2016	Valerie Carrillo Zara	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Sunset Upper Debris Basin Dam Modification	Conditional WQC
7/22/2016	Valerie Carrillo Zara	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Big Dalton Dam Sluiceway Rehabilitation	Conditional WQC
8/5/2016	Valerie Carrillo Zara	Jonathon Frank, 32640 Pacific Coast Highway	32640 Pacific Coast Highway Slope Repair	Conditional WQC
8/9/2016	Valerie Carrillo Zara	MC Global BP4	MC Global BP4 Transpacific Fiber Optic Cables	Conditional WQC
8/16/2016	Dana Cole	US Army Corps of Engineers	Los Angeles River Reach 4D Repair	Conditional WQC
8/26/2016	Valerie Carrillo Zara	Pepperdine University, Rhianon Bailard	Pepperdine University Enhanced Recreation Area	Conditional WQC
8/30/2016	Dana Cole	Newhall County Water District	Sand Canyon Sewer Pipeline Relocation	Conditional WQC

For additional information regarding our Section 401 Program, please contact Valerie Carrillo Zara at (213) 576-6759. Any petitions for the appeal of a Section 401 WQC action must be filed within 30 days of the date of its issuance. We encourage public input during the certification process.

### *Groundwater Permitting and Land Disposal Section*

#### **Summary of General Waste Discharge Requirements Enrolled and Terminated**

Clarita Quidilla and Rebecca Chou

From August 11, 2016, to September 09, 2016, two dischargers enrolled under the general Waste Discharger Requirements (WDR), and one WDR terminated from coverage of general WDR. The table below contains a breakdown for each category of general WDR.

#### **Summary of Inspection Reports**

Clarita Quidilla and Rebecca Chou

From August 11, 2016 to September 09, 2016, staff conducted six pre-permitting and annual inspections.

	<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Permittee</b>	<b>Project Manager</b>
1.	08/01/16	Placerita Field Office / CI 10253	Don Tsai
2.	08/08/16	Joel W. Bird / CI 10254	Don Tsai
3.	08/08/16	Melissa Houlihan / CI 10257	Mercedes Merino
4.	08/11/16	Toland Road Landfill / CI 5644	Enrique Casas
5.	08/15/16	City of San Fernando / CI 10264	Mercedes Merino
6.	08/19/16	Gold Coast K9 Police Dog Training / CI 10255	Don Tsai

#### **Waive of Waste Discharge Requirements for Properties Qualified for Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Policy Tier 0**

Eric Wu and Clarita Quidilla

On June 19, 2012, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS Policy), Resolution No. 2012-0032, which became effective on May 13, 2013 and subsequently was incorporated into the Regional Board Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) by Resolution No. R14-007, adopted on May 8, 2014. The OWTS Policy contains a Conditional Waiver for existing OWTS that discharges less than 10,000 gallons per day, is not within high-risk or total maximum daily load (TMDLs) addressed area, and functions properly. After review of monitoring reports, the following letters were issued to notify dischargers that their OWTS are eligible and enrolled into the OWTS Policy Waiver. Therefore the coverage of General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) is terminated.

	<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Permittee</b>	<b>Project Manager</b>
1.	08/31/16	16102 Gladstone, LLC / File No. 16-111	Mercedes Merino

### *Enforcement*

#### **October 2016**

The Enforcement Report for October 2016 includes data for August 2016 in the following tables\*:

Tables 1 – 3	Enforcement Summary By Action:	Shows enforcement actions taken by all Regional Programs.
Table 4	EPLs Issued (August 2016)	One EPL was issued in August 2016, for a total of \$6,000
Table 5	EPLs Settled (August 2016)	Thirteen EPLs were settled in August 2016, for a total of \$89,000
Table 6	All Violations Subject to MMPs: (August 2016)	Of the 415 cases and 11,548 violations we have been working on, 22 cases and 183 violations remain unresolved.
Table 7	EPL Progress (NPDES): FY 16/17 (August 2016 data)	\$78,000 in penalties were collected.
Table 8	Notices of Non-Compliance (NNC) issued in August 2016	The attached table lists Notices of Non-Compliance issued in this reporting period and tracks the status of compliance.
Table 9	Notices of Violation (NOV) issued in August 2016	The attached table lists Notices of Violation issued in this reporting period and tracks the status of compliance.
Table 10	Stormwater Compliance Unit Outstanding Enforcement Items:	The attached table lists all outstanding Stormwater NOV's dated after October 31, 2012, and tracks the status of compliance.

\* Tables 1-3 summarize enforcement actions taken by all Regional Programs. Tables 4-11 list enforcement actions taken by the Enforcement Section.

### **Stormwater Facility Inspections:**

The Stormwater Unit inspectors conducted inspections at 59 facilities in August with Construction and Industrial General Stormwater Permits. Inspection of these facilities is a required part of the Stormwater Program.

### **Expedited Payment Program:**

One (1) Settlement Offer totaling \$6,000 in penalties were issued in this reporting period. The Settlement Offer was issued for alleged effluent or late reporting violations was an NPDES Permit. Please refer to Table 4 for a list of specific Settlement Offers and amounts.

**EPLs Settled:**

Thirteen (13) EPLs were settled collecting \$89,000 in penalties in this reporting period. The Settlement Offers were issued for alleged effluent or late reporting violations of NPDES Permits. Please refer to Table 5 for a list of specific Settlement Offers and amounts.

**Notices of Non Compliance:**

Two (2) Notices of Non-Compliance (NNCs) were issued during this reporting period to dischargers for failing to submit an annual report for recertifying under the new Industrial General Permit. Please refer to Table 8 for a list of specific NNCs and their status.

**Notices of Violation:**

Two (2) Notices of Violation (NOVs) were issued in this reporting period to dischargers for failing to submit annual reports and for BMP violations. Please refer to Table 9 for a list of specific NOVs and their status.

**Table 1 – Informal Enforcement Actions taken by all Regional Programs**

Action	August 2016	FY 2016/2017
Notices of Violation	7	11
Expedited Payment Letters	1	16
<b>Total</b>		<b>27</b>

**Table 2 – Formal Enforcement Actions**

Action	August 2016	FY 2016/2017
Administrative Civil Liability	2	8
13267 Orders	11	21
Clean Up and Abatement Orders	7	21
<b>Total</b>		<b>50</b>

**Table 3 – Compliance Inspections**

<b>Program</b>	<b>August 2016</b>	<b>FY 2016/2017</b>
NPDES (Major Permits)	0	0
NPDES (Minor Individual Permits)	0	0
NPDES (Minor General Permits)	0	0
Stormwater (Construction)	32	68
Stormwater (Industrial)	27	58
Stormwater (Municipal)	0	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>127</b>

**Table 4 – EPLs Issued (August 2016)**

<b>Owner/Facility</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Type of Alleged Violation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Interactive Corporation/8800 Sunset Boulevard	8/24/16	Effluent	\$6,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$6,000</b>

**Table 5 – EPLs Settled (August 2016)**

Owner/Facility	Date Issued	Type of Alleged Violation	Date Stipulated Order Issued	Date Paid	Amount
La Brea Gateway Investors, LLP/La Brea Gateway Apartments	6/20/16	Late Report	8/29/16	8/4/16	\$3,000
SFI Joint Venture/Gold Desmond Replacement Project	1/8/16	Effluent	6/6/16	8/2/16	\$9,000
Douglas Emmett 2010, LLC/9601 Wilshire Boulevard	4/15/16	Effluent	6/22/16	8/1/16	\$9,000
ISBI Crescent Drive, LLC/100 North Crescent Drive	11/4/15	Effluent	6/22/16	8/4/16	\$21,000
University of Southern California/Wrigley Marine Science Center	2/8/16	Effluent	7/19/16	8/16/16	\$24,000
City of Simi Valley/Simi Valley WQCP	4/21/16	Effluent	7/19/16	8/16/16	\$3,000
Douglas Emmett Management LLC/16501 Ventura	4/6/16	Effluent	6/22/16	8/1/16	\$3,000
Walnut Valley Unified School District/ Chaparral Middle School	8/26/16	Failure to submit the 2013-2014 annual report	8/26/16	6/19/16	\$1,500
Rio Hondo College/ Rio Hondo Softball Field	8/26/16	Failure to submit the 2013-2014 annual report	8/26/16	7/11/16	\$1,500
Rio Hondo College/ Physical Education Complex	8/24/16	Failure to submit the 2013-2014 annual report	8/24/16	7/8/16	\$1,500
Freeway Spring, LLC/Freeway Spring, LLC	8/15/16	Failure to submit the 2013-2014 annual report	8/15/16	7/15/16	\$1,500
Price Transfer, Inc./Price Transfer, Inc.	8/10/16	Failure to recertify under new IGP	8/10/2016	4/26/2016	\$5,500
Beckco, Inc./ Beckco, Inc.	8/10/16	Failure to recertify under new IGP	8/10/2016	5/11/2016	\$5,500
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$89,000</b>

**Table 6– All Violations Subject to MMPs (August 2016)**

	No. of Facilities	No. of Violations
<b>Total</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>11,548</b>
<b>Resolved</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>11,365</b>
<b>Pending</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>183</b>

**Table 7 – EPL Progress – NPDES and Stormwater Fiscal 16/17 – (August 2016)**

Action Type	No. of EPLs August 2016	No. of Violations August 2016	No. of EPLs Fiscal Year (16/17)	No. Violations Fiscal Year (16/17)
EPLs Issued	1	2	17	57
EPLs Resolved	7	26	7	26
EPLs Withdrawn	1	2	1	2
Total Amount Collected			\$78,000	

**Table 8**  
**Notices of Non-Compliance (NNC) issued in August 2016**

Facility Name	Facility Address (with city)	NNC Issue Date	NNC Response Due Date	Permit Type	Violation	Status
The Micro Connection Enterprises	9834 Jordan Circle, Santa Fe Springs	8/12/2016	9/12/2016	IGP	Failure to obtain Coverage under the IGP	Response not yet due
Adams Auto Wrecking	5547 Bandera Street, Los Angeles	8/24/2016	9/24/2016	IGP	Failure to obtain Coverage under the IGP	Response not yet due

**Table 9**



### Notices of Violation (NOV) Issued in August 2016

Facility name	Facility Address (with city)	NOV Issue Date	NOV Response Due Date	Permit Type	Violations	Status
Fort MacArthur Underground Improvements	Fort MacArthur, Los Angeles	8/5/2016	8/5/2016	CGP	Failure to Submit 2013-14 Annual Report	In Compliance
Sanitek Products, Inc.	3959 Goodwin Avenue, Los Angeles	8/25/2016	9/26/2016	IGP	Failure to implement Effective BMPs	Response not yet due

AR	Annual Report/
BMP	Best Management Practices
NOT	Notice of Termination
NOV	Notice of Violation
SWPPP	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
NA	2 <sup>nd</sup> NOV- This is a Notice of a Continuing Violation. Immediate compliance is required.
NSWD	Non-Stormwater Discharge

**Table 10. STORMWATER COMPLIANCE UNIT  
OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENT ITEMS,  
AUGUST 2016**

This table lists stormwater NOV's that are unresolved. The information is arranged by permit type – industrial and construction.

#### **Industrial General Permit**

Facility Name	Sector	Issuance Date	Due Date	Violation	Status
Textured Coating	Paints, Varnishes, Lacquers, Enamels and Allied Products	7/29/2016	8/29/2016	Incomplete/ Insufficient SWPPP/ Deficient BMP Implementation	Ongoing
Western Colloid Prod Inc.	Paints, Varnishes, Lacquers, Enamels	8/22/2016	9/21/2016	Deficient Annual Report	Response not yet due
Sungro Products, LLC	Chemicals and Chemical Preparations	8/23/2016	9/22/2016	Deficient Annual Report	Response not yet due
Sanitek Products Inc.	Soaps and Other Detergents	8/25/2016	9/25/2016	Incomplete/ Insufficient SWPPP/ Deficient BMP Implementation	Response not yet due

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BMP	Best Management Practices
NOT	Notice of Termination
NOV	Notice of Violation
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*Remediation*

**Former kast Tank Farm Property, Carousel Residential Neighborhood Tract, Carson**

Teklewold Ayalew

The activities related to the site investigation and cleanup work performed during the month of August 2016 include the following:

1. On August 4, 2016, Regional Board staff joined the SCAQMD team to attend Shell and AECOM's staff quarterly update meeting on the implementation of the RAP activities. This includes status of remedial activities, implementation of vapor, odor and dust control measures, and resident complaints around those issues. In addition, the District's team were briefed on issues related to Revised SVE treatment system permit and Cal-Water pipeline replacement.
2. On August 8, 2016, the Regional Board received a letter from Shell titled *Request for Approval to Set-Up Sound Attenuation Panels and Begin Preparatory Work on Adjacent Clusters*. On August 18, 2016, the Regional Board issued a directive that approves the requested overlapping cluster work including the set-up of Sound Attenuation Panels and the beginning of preparatory work on adjacent clusters for the remediation program of the remaining 26 clusters. The approved action will not result in any new environmental impacts not already evaluated in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
3. On August 8, 2016, the Regional Board completed the review of one Residential Sampling Report and issued a response with a required follow-up action.
4. The scheduled date of completion of cleanup and restoration work at Cluster #1 has been extended from 13 weeks to 17 weeks, to August 26, 2016. The schedule is conditioned on a number of actions by others, such as the activities of Cal-Water, that affected implementation of subsequent activities and therefore a tentative date of September 15, 2016 is currently set for Residents of Cluster #1 to move back into their homes.

5. Activities performed at Cluster #1 during the month of August include the following:

- Installation of block walls / Constructing masonry walls
  - Import soil for backfill and finish grading;
  - Paint all homes that includes:
    - ◊ Erecting scaffolding around 363 249th in preparation for stucco application; and
    - ◊ Takedown scaffolding from 363 249th after plastering house and transport off site
  - Installation of Sub-Slab Depressurization (SSD) system;
  - Residential SVE conveyance piping brought to the back of sidewalks for later connection to piping in the streets;
  - Trenching and piping for SVE system along Neptune Avenue
    - ◊ Shoring installation on Neptune and trench plate delivery/relocation;
    - ◊ Trench backfill with 2-pack slurry using remote controlled pumping truck;
  - Hardscape installation;
  - Landscaping work across the cluster to final grade yards; and
  - Cal-Water Pipeline Replacement
    - ◊ Existing Transite Pipe Removal
6. New pipeline installation

**Former Athens Tank Farm / Ujima and Earvin Magic Johnson Regional Park, Los Angeles**

Teklewold Ayalew

The activities related to the environmental site investigation of the Former Athens Tank Farm during the month of August 2016 and are summarized as follows:

1. On July 29, 2016, the Regional Board received Response to LARWQCB Correspondence Dated April 26, 2016, Review of Horizontal Soil Vapor Remediation Well Pilot Test Report. The letter provides a conceptual Phase II SVE system design for addressing the potential impacts to the upcoming park redevelopment and proposed construction within the former Ujima Village Apartment (UVA) area. The conceptual plan anticipates less impact using the Phase II Horizontal Remediation Well (HRW) soil vapor extraction (SVE) system design as compared to the original Phase II vertical-well-based conceptual SVE system design.
2. On August 10, 2016, the Regional Board received a correspondence from Exxon Mobil that states the monitoring and sampling of soil vapor probe SV-190 into the quarterly program. The monitoring includes methane Monitoring of Accessible Utility Boxes, Vaults, Storm Drains, and Sewer Manholes; using a Four-gas meter (Landtec GEM-2000) and Flame ionization detector (FID) for methane in the vicinity of SV-190. In addition a storm drain was identified in the immediate vicinity of 12929 South Central Avenue. The monitoring of the storm drain has been included in the quarterly program.
3. On August 18, 2016, the Regional Board staff and management met with Mr. Al Tizani of the Chief Executive Office of the County of Los Angeles and consultants, Leighton Consulting, Inc. The meeting discussed the merits of the *Comments on Groundwater Remedial Action Plan* dated July 21, 2016 and prepared by Leighton Consulting, Inc., on behalf of the Los Angeles County. The Regional Board staff will consider the comments as appropriate during public review and comment period upon receipt of the Final Groundwater Remedial Action Plan.
4. On August 24, 2016, the Regional Board completed the Review of the June 30, 2016 *Groundwater Remedial Action Plan* (GWRAP) and issued a directive to submit Final GW RAP.. The Conceptual GWRAP provides an analysis of potentially applicable remedial technologies overall effectiveness, implementability and technology screening. Based on the review of the document, the Regional Board considers this document a Conceptual Groundwater Remedial Action Plan (CGWRAP). The Final GW RAP is due to the Regional Board by October 28, 2016.

On August 29, 2016, the Regional Board received a correspondence from the County of Los Angeles consultants, Leighton Consulting, Inc, additional assessment recommendation prior to the development of Phase IA of the Park Redevelopment Project to enable appropriate planning for potential soil gas and NAPL/deep groundwater mitigation beneath the planned enclosed-space Community Event Center and the outdoor children's Play Area. The Regional Board staff is currently reviewing the merits of the recommendations.

### *Personnel*

As of October 13, 2016 our staff total is 141: 129 technical staff, 8 permanent analytical staff and 4 permanent clerical staff.

The following appointment was made:

**Christina Humphreys**, Water Resource Control Engineer, Site Cleanup II, effective September 2, 2016.  
(from limited term to permanent position)

The following separated from Region 4:

**Gregg Kwey**, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer, retired from state service effective September 30, 2016.

**Sandra Kelley**, Office Technician (Typing), retired from state service effective September 30, 2016.